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Dear Werner:

Thank you for your offer of Hayes' ms. Hayes did send us a draft copy a few weeks before the symposium. Unless yours appears to be a final version, we probably need not trouble you. On the whole we thought he did a good job reviewing the field. My main objections are to his terminology, and only two or three points of fact or interpretation (elimination of the Mal-S region is certainly post-zygotic, as we have several diploids, hemizygous for that region, but showing Mal from one parent, S from the other; our Hfr is not confined to the "Lac-TL chromosome"; and of course [as Hayes also says] there is no evidence that the "F+ agent" is a vector of anything [since it hasn't been separated from the cells in the first place]) but these are actually rather special details, which may or may not pertain to recombination in all strains of E. coli. I may not have sent the enclosed abstract before, which is perhaps more timely now than it was a year ago.

Sincerely,